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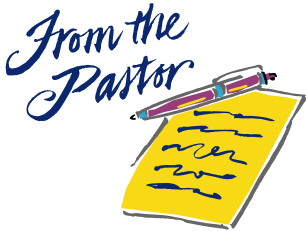


# SIGNAL

OUR MISSION STATEMENT ~  
SHARING THE LOVE OF  
CHRIST WITH ALL PEOPLE

MAY 2017 NEWSLETTER  
BURNT FACTORY  
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH  
STEPHENSON, VIRGINIA 22656  
C. STEVEN MELESTER, PASTOR

*"LET YOUR LIGHT SO SHINE  
BEFORE MEN THAT THEY MAY SEE  
YOUR GOOD WORKS AND GLORIFY  
YOUR FATHER WHO IS IN HEAVEN."  
~MATTHEW 5:16*



In a galaxy many years ago, I used to work on HVAC equipment. To accomplish the many tasks required to be successful, I used a variety of tools. Without those tools, some that were very specialized, I would not have been able to fulfill the requirements of the profession I was in. Fixing things was my mission!

In our beloved United Methodist Church tradition, we pastors use many tools also, to try and accomplish our task. Our task is not to fix equipment or people --- but to make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world. The first tool and most important one; the one that without it, no other tools would be of any use --- is the Bible! The Word of God holds primacy over all the other tools. It is at the top of the tool pyramid; it's the pinnacle of tool supremacy; I think you get the point. The Bible is the word of God, supreme and authoritative. *"All scripture is God breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting, and training in righteousness, so that the man of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work."* **2<sup>nd</sup> Tim. 3:16-17**

Another tool is our UMC hymnal. The songs contained therein are theological in nature and cover a myriad of spiritual music. They reveal God's continuing process of transformation and new life offered through the history behind their words and creation. It covers seasonal and liturgical elements of our faith as well as providing us with prayers, Psalters, and other theologically significant aids to our worship and our spiritual growth. The UMC hymnal is much more than just a song book!

The sermons of our founder, John Wesley, are also a valuable addition of our tool box as they provide a reference for many of our theological positions. Our UMC Book of Worship can be included in our tool list as it also provides the pastor with tried and true liturgies for weddings, baptisms, and funerals ---- and for many other ministry and mission challenges and settings.

Scripture is always supreme but what holds the tool box together is the biblically based tool of our UMC Book of Discipline. The United Methodist Church is not a congregational church, in that no UM churches stand alone. We are not autonomous. We are connected and the Book of Discipline provides much needed unity; unity in our purpose, direction, order and polity. Without the Discipline, just like any culture or family, we would fall into chaos. The Discipline provides, through the scriptures and our history and heritage -- a basis for all that we hold dear. It is so important to who we are as United Methodists, that we --- who are privileged to serve God as bishops, deacons, and pastors are asked to make covenant in front of God to defend this connective glue of our faith.

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## PASTOR'S MESSAGE CONTINUES.....

Following is the pledge that the ordained are asked to make in covenant with our Lord.

*"Will you be loyal to the United Methodist Church accepting its order, liturgy, doctrine, and discipline, defending it against all doctrines contrary to God's Holy Word, and committing yourself to be accountable to those serving with you, and to the bishop and those who are appointed to supervise your ministry?"* If so, your answer is: I will with the help of God.

I answer yes to this covenant and I was taught by loving Christian parents as well as the scriptures, to let my yes be yes and my no be no --- in other words. Keep your promises and do what you said you were going to do! I will honor my covenant and I will continue to use the tools God has given the church to fulfill its mission. May your tool box be filled with those instruments of faith that bring you meaning, purpose, hope, faith, love, and peace!

*Your servant in Christ Jesus,  
Pastor Steve*



CCAP, the Congregational-Community Action Project, is a cooperative ministry of 45 area churches and one synagogue serving Winchester and Frederick County that have joined together to provide financial, material and supportive assistance to people in need. CCAP is located at 112 and 106 S. Kent Street.

### **A BIG THANK YOU to our congregation!!!**

- 1) We provided 44!! Easter Baskets for the giveaway. These baskets were prepared with a lot of love and consideration for those who would receive them.
- 2) We collected 2,154 diapers at our Maundy Thursday Service. This is incredible. These diapers will be used by at least 72 babies.

### **A few highlights from the quarterly CCAP Business Meeting held on April 20:**

- 97 cents of every \$1 donated goes to clients.
- In the 1<sup>st</sup> quarter of 2017 - 5,656 families have been served from the Pantry; 1,873 families have been served from Clothing. Total aide: 8,405 families.
- 530 Easter Baskets were given away.

### **Current Needs at CCAP:**

- Volunteers are always needed in the clothing area. A couple of hours a week goes a long way.
- The pantry is always in need of **TOILET PAPER, LAUNDRY DETERGENT, DEODORANT, RAZORS FOR MEN AND WOMEN, CANNED MEAT (NOT TUNA AT THIS TIME), SUNSCREEN, CHAP STICK, AND BUG SPRAY.** These can be dropped off during regular hours at CCAP
- As mentioned before – **STAPLES'** rewards are always appreciated. Interviewers are still needed. Some computer skills are needed and training will be provided.
- **RED WAGON** Ministry: Is currently in need of sizes 2, 5 and 6 diapers.
- **SCHOOL SUPPLIES** giveaway: Our next CCAP collection will be for School Supplies. The giveaway will be in Mid-July. I will send out more information as the time draws closer.

If you are able to join me, the next CCAP meeting is July 20<sup>th</sup> at John Mann UMC, 524 Van Fossen St. I can be reached at [ricpat5@gmail.com](mailto:ricpat5@gmail.com) or by cell at 540-664-6973, if you have questions about CCAP or volunteering.

*Thank you for all you do for this ministry,  
Patty Leonard*



## United Methodist Women

On Thursday, April 20<sup>th</sup>, we had 20 members, including our Pastor, plus three guests who are joining our group. What a great group to hear Robin Russell, a new church member, and now Managing Director of The Trinity House, tell about this home that provides transitional housing for women and children. Their goal is to help women get back on their feet by offering housing, life skill training, emotional support, Bible Study, etc. They contribute rent based on their ability to pay. We will keep these women in our prayers, stay in contact with them and offer help in any way we can.

We are also planning some ways to connect with our Project Esperanza friends in the Dominican Republic. You won't want to miss the June meeting as plans are in the works to do something special.

Martha Ludtke and I attended the District Spring Event on Saturday, April 22<sup>nd</sup> at Crums UMC. We explored what community means with the topic "What Community Looks Like." This was under the umbrella of the Charter for Racial Justice. Sixty-some women were in attendance and it was interesting and well organized. Burnt Factory UMW will host the Fall Event on November 11<sup>th</sup>!

We urge all women to cut out the canceled postage stamps, leaving ¼" edge, and also the Boxtops for Education. Put them in the lavender box on the table in the Social Hall. We turned in lots at the district meeting at Crums as well as the Prayer Breakfast in March. This stamp project began in 1982 to provide funds for United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR). Stamps are given to the York River District UMW President who passes them on to a stamp collector. The proceeds for stamp sales are sent to the Conference Treasurer for distribution to UMCOR. Through 2011, \$4,080 has been received by UMCOR from canceled stamps. A little bit of effort on our part amounts to dollars for those in need.

If you purchased supplies last summer for Kits for Conference, bring them in and put them on the ledge downstairs in the old Scout room by the old kitchen. We will be putting those 50 school kits together sometime in May for our pastor to take to annual conference in June. In the July newsletter I'll list the supplies we need to shop for over the summer.

The date for the June UMW meeting has been changed to June 22<sup>nd</sup>. Many of us will be involved with Relay for Life June 16-17. We want to have good attendance at both of these.

We had a great meeting in April and thank Penny Croll and Robin Russell for the program, Nancy Hulver, Theresa Gilbert and Allie Goode for refreshments. Please feel free to take any of the seed packets left on the table with missionary names who have birthdays in May. Pray for them and e-mail them a greeting!

*Blessings, Polly Duvall, President UMW*

## **FAITH SEEKERS CLASS**

We have spent the last several weeks exploring the various contexts in which God disciplines us, from the larger context of the church down to an intimate relationship with our Lord and Savior. One such context is the Social Context, which is most often found in small groups, such as a Sunday School class. The inclusive nature allows for more interaction with others, enabling us to grow as a faith community while working together in mission, supporting, and challenging one another in our walk with Christ. If you have been considering checking out one of the Sunday School classes within the church, we invite you to stop by the Faith Seekers class. We meet from 9:45-10:45 in one of the new classrooms downstairs and would love to welcome you.

*Jason Corron, Class Representative*



# May 2017

- 1<sup>st</sup> Bill Beck  
Tom Shepley  
Dan Hayton  
Tiffany White
- 5<sup>th</sup> Danette Heinlein
- 9<sup>th</sup> Susie Gerometta
- 15<sup>th</sup> Kenneth Roberts  
Dick Harris
- 16<sup>th</sup> Rachel Wlash
- 17<sup>th</sup> Tucker Simmers  
Gracyn Corron
- 19<sup>th</sup> Ben Melester
- 20<sup>th</sup> Rob Clemons
- 23<sup>rd</sup> Michelle Hardee
- 24<sup>th</sup> Jason Smith
- 25<sup>th</sup> James Nowlin
- 28<sup>th</sup> Harriett Hanke  
David May  
Debbie Moss
- 29<sup>th</sup> Lizzie Miller  
Lily Hayton
- 31<sup>st</sup> Lilly Thompson  
Vickie Thompson  
Beth Kerns

In April, Sam & Roseanna Puffenbarger  
welcomed a granddaughter named  
**ELEANOR!!**  
Congratulations!



20<sup>th</sup> Dan & Rachel Hayton



*Christian Sympathy is expressed to Jerry and Noah Swimley in the passing of Jerry's wife and Noah's mother, Donna, who has gone on to claim the promise of the Resurrection.*

*We express our sympathy to Jerry's brother and his wife, Billy and Sue Swimley.*

*Our thoughts and prayers continue to be with you all.*

## Arlington National Cemetery

**Final arrangements have now been made for the burial of Harriett Hanke's father, Lt.Col.-Ret. James R. Dupler....**

with full military honors at 3 p.m. on June 14<sup>th</sup> at Arlington National Cemetery. This day of honoring Jim will begin with an 11:00 a.m.

Celebration of Life Memorial Service at Restoration Anglican Church in Arlington, with Jim's grandson, the Rev. David M. Hanke, the church's Rector, leading the worship.

A lunch will be served to all the friends and family who are gathered, and then we will proceed to the cemetery for the burial with a military chaplain presiding. Harriett and Jay are pleased to invite you to attend all of these events. They will coordinate car pools, including the church bus for those desiring to go. Please let them know no later than June 1<sup>st</sup> of your desire to be a part of this day by

emailing Harriett at

[sunriseharriett@comcast.net](mailto:sunriseharriett@comcast.net)

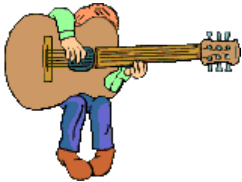
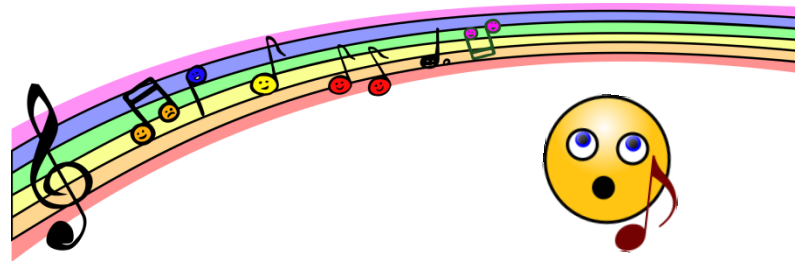
or

calling Jay at 540-686-0433.

# Singin' Sundae Social



ballet



Sunday, June 4th, 6:30pm



Do you have a talent you would like to share?

*Singing?*

*Playing an Instrument?*

*Dancing?*

*Acting?*



Well, Folks, here's your chance to shine!

Contact Diana Smith or Cindy Miiller for your spot in the show!

*Refreshments follow (which includes "sundae's" with your favorite topping!!!)*

*Freewill donations benefit Relay for Life!*

## THE LAUREL CENTER

Our Spring Collection Day for The Laurel Center will be Sunday May 21<sup>st</sup>.

Here is a list of their current needs:  
BODY WASH, BODY LOTION, CHAP STICK,  
VASELINE LIP CARE, TRAVEL TOOTHBRUSH  
COVERS AND TOILET TISSUE AND PAPER TOWELS.

Because the women often arrive at the Center with just the clothes on their backs, the Center is requesting NEW WOMEN FLIP FLOPS ALL SIZES BUT MORE 7 - 10S, NEW CHILDREN FLIP FLOPS AND SANDALS ALL SIZES. Also, NEW WOMEN SHORTS S, M AND MORE L & XL SIZES. NEW CHILDREN'S SHORTS AND T-SHIRTS SIZES 2T TO 14.

**THE LAUREL CENTER'S MISSION** is to empower victims of domestic and sexual violence by providing emergency housing, advocacy, support services and education. They reach out to the community through education and awareness programs.

**THEIR VISION:** Working together in our community to stop the cycle of domestic and sexual violence.

Thank you for your always overwhelming support of this worthy organization.

*Donna Gallagher, BF Representative*

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On April 10<sup>th</sup>, 22 Youth assembled for some food, fun and discussion. Do you know what is right and wrong? What are the influences that shape how you determine right and wrong? Who is the standard? There are so many streams of information and youth today are challenged to know and to embrace the right life in Jesus Christ.

Earth Day 2017 and the Youth took to heart what it means to be Stewards of God's Creation. Very proud of our Youth that overcame the cold and wet to pick up trash around Greenwood Mill E.S.



Our Summer Mission Trip to Christiansburg will be here soon, and our Missioners have been helping members of our congregation in order to raise funds.

**Get 'er done!**

**Upcoming Youth Events:**

**Saturday, May 13 50's Drive-in at the Ruritan 4:00 - 7:00pm**  
*We will be serving 4:00pm to 7:00pm, and if the weather will allow, we will serve both inside and out.*

*There are TWO shifts (be on-time):*

*3:30pm-5:30pm Be there for set-up; take orders and serve food and drink; collect trash and prepare for the next patron.*

*5:30pm-7:30pm Serve food and drink; collect trash and stay until the Ruritan is cleaned-up.*



**Parents – We will need your help!!!**

**Sunday, May 21 Youth Regular Meeting 4:30 – 6:30pm**

**Contact Mr. Rob: ram288@comcast.net, 540-303-7161**

**BFG YOUTH** ~ TOGETHER WE SERVE GOD

## *50's Drive-In Fundraiser*

*May 13th - 4:00pm to 7:00pm*

*Stonewall Ruritan Building*

*Adjacent to Frederick County Fairgrounds*

*Hamburgers, Cheeseburgers, Hot dogs, Chili dogs,  
Nachos with cheese/chili or both, Floats - Root Beer,  
Coke, Diet Coke, Orange, and Desserts*

*Come and enjoy being served at our diner by our  
Youth Car Stops.*





# Faith and Health Corner

May 2017

## National Physical Fitness and Sports Month



*I can do all things in Him who strengthens me. Philippians 4:13*

Regular physical activity is good for everyone's health, and people of all ages and body types can be physically active. National Physical Fitness and Sports Month is a great time to talk about the benefits of getting active.

Some of the benefits of physical activity are:

- **Children and adolescents** – Physical activity can improve muscular fitness, bone health and heart health.
- **Adults** – Physical activity can lower the risk of heart disease, type 2 diabetes, and some types of cancer.
- **Older adults** – Physical activity can lower the risk of falls and improve cognitive function.

We can use this month to raise awareness about the benefits of physical activity, and spread the word about ways to get moving.

The following are just a few ideas to be physically active:

- Families can make small changes, like taking a walk after dinner or going for a bike ride.
- Teachers and administrators can make physical activity a part of every student's day.
- Youth can talk to their peers about the importance of being active.

You can also use the "Be Active Your Way" health widget to get quick tips for increasing physical activity and for getting ways to take charge of your health. This easy tool can be personalized just for you. Choose the Be Active Way widget to take a quick quiz that instantly provides physical activity tips and ideas based on your current activity level. The myhealthfinder widget can also provide you with personalized recommendations for clinical preventive services based on your age, sex, and pregnancy status.

Don't make exercise a half-hearted endeavor. Set goals, create a plan and then execute it. Don't be afraid to pray for help. God will help you and reward your fitness efforts, if they are done in His service and not out of vanity or selfishness. Put your trust in God, and He will guide you.

*Until the next time ... Blessings to you and yours,  
Theresa*

You can reach me at any time by e-mail at [tgilbert@afpdocs.com](mailto:tgilbert@afpdocs.com) or [theresa.h.seddon@gmail.com](mailto:theresa.h.seddon@gmail.com) or by phone at (540) 247-5612

As your Faith Community Nurse, I am here to serve as a bridge to better health, by meeting the wholistic healing mission of the church by partnering with the Pastor as healer of the spirit, mind and body.







## *Have You Given Your E-Mail Address to Keith Roberts, yet?*

Pastor Steve has special notices he needs to send to those who attend Burnt Factory. The notices will include not only prayer concerns, but also schedule changes during bad weather.

Keith keeps an e-mail list in his computer for just such purposes. Your e-mail address is protected and e-mails are sent, recipients not disclosed, to protect your privacy.

Kindly send your e-mail address to Keith Roberts at [john.k.roberts@comcast.net](mailto:john.k.roberts@comcast.net) with the message:

*"ADD ME TO THE CHURCH EMAIL LIST"*

*Thank You*

## *Baptisms and New Members*

*We celebrated the baptisms of Carter Lynn Kerr, daughter of  
Cody and Leslie Hardesty Kerr and  
Jason Clayton Hardesty, son of Matt and Ashley Hardesty.*

*We also welcomed Matt and Ashley as new members of Burnt Factory UMC.*

## *Awaken Me to Pray!*

The Intentional Prayer small group meets every other Thursday at 7:00 am in the Fellowship Hall to pray for the needs of our Burnt Factory congregation and to praise God for what he is doing in our midst.

We start with a short (5 minute) devotional and then pray through a list of prayer concerns. We are always done by 8 am.

On Thursday, May 4, we will have a special session coordinated with the National Day of Prayer where we will particularly pray for the concerns of our nation, state and local area.

Please join us in seeking God's face and praising His name.

*Kathy Dixon, Representative*

## **BURNT FACTORY BOOK CLUB**

Our next book club meeting will be held on Monday May 22<sup>nd</sup> at 7:00pm. We are going to read a little lighter book, AT HOME IN MITFORD by Jan Karon. We do have a copy in our church library and I am sure there are copies at other libraries. If you would like it ordered you can contact Harriett Hanke at [sunriseharriett@comcast.net](mailto:sunriseharriett@comcast.net) or call at 540-686-0434. The price of the book is \$10.25. Our book club is open to anyone who likes to read! Please come and fellowship with us. Our meeting will be held at 115 Julee Drive, Winchester, VA. 22602.

*Joy and Peace, Susie Gerometta*



## *From a branch on the Vine,*

*Precious Lord, take my hand  
Lead me on, let me stand  
I'm tired, I'm weak, I'm worn  
Through the storm, through the night  
Lead me on to the light  
Take my hand precious Lord, lead me home*



This beautiful hymn by Rev. Thomas Dorsey gives us a picture of the way Jesus is to us. He is willing, able and near.

Jesus is so many things. He is divine as King of kings; yet we can identify with Him as we face our trials as He faced His. As one with the Father and Holy Spirit, Jesus was there before creation – all things were made through Him. He sits at the right hand of God the Father. He grieved, and other times He was happy. He welcomed the children and rebuked the religious elders. He loved and knew the bitterness of love unreturned. Joy was within Him and around Him, as was pain.

In his book, *Shame & Grace*, Lewis Smedes takes a moment to reflect on this dual relationship we experience with God – *a feeling of smallness (weakness) in contrast to His divinity and a feeling of shame in contrast to His humanity* (pg. 48).

Of His divinity, Smedes writes, *"So near, so far – like any tomorrow, at my fingertips, but unreachable... Sometimes I feel God's unshaped vastness with something like awe... now and then like the quirkish terror when I stand at the foot of a tall building and look straight up the sides. There is no shame in it. I do not feel shame when I feel small at the rim of the Grand Canyon or sluggish at the sight of a fleeting gazelle. Why should I feel shame when I feel my smallness next to God's infinity?"*

Of His Humanity, Smedes pens, *"When I meet God in His Humanity (Jesus), I am face to face with my own true self, and I feel a fierce dissatisfaction with the self I actually am for failing to be more of what I am meant to be. I feel heavy about how easily I lose my way. I compare His love with mine and I am ashamed of my egotism and selfishness."*

One God yet so much bigger than one way to experience Him. Are you in awe of the One who is over all things, knows all things, is everywhere at all times? This may start a little throbbing in your head as you try to grasp the fullness of God. Try counting the stars or sing the song of water that flows over a bed of stones. Beyond comprehension is OK; but do you stand amazed at Who God is?

I have been overwhelmed and bewildered about who God is, like Mary, upon hearing the Holy Spirit would come upon her and she would give birth to God's son – "How can this be?" I have also felt small and insignificant to the endless expanse of God's presence. Then...I remember God knows my name.

And, I have been ashamed of my choices and outcomes when I know God has planned a better way for me. The weight of failure presses on my heart, and I want to hide from God. Then...I remember He knows how I feel and still, even now, asks to take away the chains I have placed on myself.

Smedes concludes, *"When God tells me He loves me, His grace heals the shame (who we settle to be in contrast to who God created us to be). Grace overcomes the contrast."*

Knowing – really depending on – the promise that God loves me brings hope and newness every day.

Take my hand, Lord, lead me home.

In Christ, *Rob*



# **Burnt Factory Relay for Life "The Believers"**

THANK YOU to everyone who made the Spaghetti Dinner/Basket Auction/Silent Auction a **SUCCESS!** We raised approximately \$7,551. The success wouldn't have been possible without sooo many who planned, donated auction items, worked nonstop the day before and the day of, and, of course, purchased items. A **SPECIAL THANK YOU** to our Fearless Leaders: Melanie Melester, Joe Hulver and his kitchen posse, Keith Roberts, Lucinda Lentz and our amazing (and super funny) auctioneer, Pastor Steve.

May and June are busy months for Relay for Life (RFL). There is still time to join our team, "The Believers." Registration forms are on the RFL table in the Fellowship Hall. Once you have filled out the form, leave it on the table and we will make sure you get registered.

Relay for Life BIG EVENT takes place this year beginning at 5:00pm on JUNE 16<sup>th</sup> on the football field at James Wood High School and ends at 6:00am on June 17<sup>th</sup>.

## **CHECK OUT THIS LIST OF OPPORTUNITIES TO HELP RAISE MONEY IN THE FIGHT AGAINST CANCER:**

**\$2** – We are taking advanced orders for country ham sandwiches. Sandwiches can be picked up in the Burnt Factory Fellowship Hall on Friday, June 16<sup>th</sup>, in the afternoon or Saturday, June 17<sup>th</sup>, after the Relay for Life Event. Delivery of sandwiches can be arranged as well. The sign-up sheet is on the RFL table in the Fellowship Hall. The sandwiches will be sold for \$3 at the RFL event for our camp fundraiser so order early and save some money.

**\$5 LUMINARY BAGS** – Please consider placing the name of a loved one on as many bags as you wish. Candles will be placed in the bags and they will be lit the evening of the RFL Big Event. Bags are on the RFL table in the Fellowship Hall. Please leave the money in the black bank bag on the table. Checks should be made out to BFUMC.

**\$25 OR \$50 TIKI TORCH** - Your loved ones name is engraved on a plate and it is attached to each torch you purchase with the appropriate cancer color ribbon. The torches are tied to the fence surrounding the track and lit during the luminary ceremony. The torch is yours to keep. Once you have purchased a torch, the next year you can return the torch and pay \$25 to have it lit at the luminary ceremony. You can find forms on the RFL table to purchase a torch. Please leave the money in the black bank bag on the table. Checks should be made out to BFUMC.

**\$\$\$ YOU DECIDE THE AMOUNT.** Drop your donation in the offering plate and write RFL on the Memo line. Checks should be made out to BFUMC.

**SAVE THE DATES** **Wednesday, May 10<sup>th</sup> – 6:00pm at the Church Shelter** - we will begin making decorations for our campsite. Anyone who would like to join in the fun is welcome to attend. Bring a pair of scissors, any size and color of paper plates, paint, glue, hot glue gun, and/or other craft materials you think we may be able to use to turn our tent into a 1960's "pad."

**SUNDAY, JUNE 4<sup>TH</sup> – 6:30PM "SINGIN' SUNDAE SOCIAL" at BFUMC.** Come see some amazing talent, including our choir, and enjoy your own sundae creation. Fun for all in attendance. If you would like to donate ice cream or toppings, there is a sign-up sheet in the Fellowship Hall.

**FRIDAY, JUNE 16<sup>TH</sup> – 5:00PM through SATURDAY, JUNE 17<sup>TH</sup>, at 6:00AM RELAY FOR LIFE Big Event** at James Wood High School. A schedule of events will be included in the June newsletter.

We are looking forward to fellowshiping with you as we raise money for a worthy cause.

**Brenda Drumheller - email: [wngirls@gmail.com](mailto:wngirls@gmail.com) with questions.**

**Susan Williams, Co-chairmen**

# KID MIN CONNECTION

**SAVE THE DATE!!!**

**We are getting “geared up” for VBS!**



Vacation Bible School!

June 25 - 29

Burnt Factory UMC

6:00pm – 8:30pm

See Carrie Fair for more information,  
registration and to volunteer!

We love to see our youth come out to be  
crew leaders!

Come and have a “blast” at VBS!  
Bring a friend!



There is nothing more endearing, joyful or meaningful than volunteering in Children’s Ministries. We are super blessed to have the bounty of children that we have here at Burnt Factory UMC. They are true blessings from God. With these blessings comes with them the responsibility to care for, teach and guide them on their budding Christian journey. Vacation Bible School is an excellent way to come and be an important part of that journey.

We are looking for volunteers to participate in VBS as .....

**Station Leaders**

**Crew Leaders**

**Registration**

**Providing a meal for the volunteers**

**and as always we need**

**Prayer Warriors to uphold our VBS in prayer starting now!**

**Our VBS will take place JUNE 25 – 29 here at our beautiful church from 6:00pm – 8:30pm.**

We are very excited to be back in our church home for this event, so let’s make this one a super fun and exciting year!

## VOLUNTEER MEETING

If you are interested, we will be having a volunteer meeting on Wednesday, May 3, at 6:30pm in the Sanctuary. You can get a sneak peek at the music, decorations and videos! Come and be a part of this historical and amazing event.

We hope to see you there!

*Kayln Corron, Co-Director VBS*

*Carrie Fair, Co-Director VBS & Director of Children’s Ministries at BFUMC*



## Nurture Team News

### ATTENTION BFUMC MEMBERS – GET INVOLVED IN YOUR CHURCH DISCIPLESHIP

#### SMALL GROUP UPDATES

- **Busy Hands** – A group that meets twice a month to work on quilting, sewing, knitting and crocheting projects. Current emphasis is quilting. Contact is Janie Shope.
- **Meet and Eat** – going great with 8 groups; great chance for newcomers to meet new friends!
- **Music Ministry** – still performing and singing at a couple of local senior centers.



- **Book Club** – a Sue Monk Kidd novel, Invention of Wings, is being discussed.
- **Men Living Faith** – Attention Men: meet at Steve Cunningham's home (1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesdays at 7:00pm)
- **2/4 BLT** – going strong with fun fellowship, games, sack lunches, (2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesdays)
- **A New Group**, Intentional Prayer is meeting every other Thursday morning at 7am in the Fellowship Hall. Contact Danette Heinlein or Karen Willis for more information.

#### ONGOING NURTURE RESPONSIBILITIES

**Hospitality / Coffee** – Sign-up sheet available on bulletin board by kitchen. We always need help with supplying snacks, making coffee, serving, and cleaning up.

**New Directory** – In progress. To be released soon! YIPPIEE!

**Men's Retreat** – Looking to plan something in the near future. Please contact Tim Heinlein if you have interest.

#### ANNUAL EVENTS – MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

**Grad Reception** for high school graduates will be June 11 with 9 graduates

**Fall Festival** – October 29 at Burnt Factory Shelter, 2:00pm to 5:00pm

**College Boxes** – Finished 2-12-17, Flat Jesus showing up at campuses around the country



**Summer Picnic** 08/12/17

**Confirmation** classes, tbd

**OUR NEXT MEETING IS SCHEDULED FOR 06/07/17.**



This year we are facing an unusually short registration period with a **deadline date of May 8**. We're working to get the date extended, but there are no assurances that we can.

**In the meantime we suggest that you sign-up today!**



**United Methodist Men's *Main Event*, the 39 Annual *Spiritual Advance***  
being presented at Randolph-Macon College in Ashland, VA.

As previously mentioned in our monthly newsletter, *The BEACON*, the featured speaker is the captivating and widely acclaimed preacher, the **Rev. Max Blalock**. His background and years of experience will provide a solid spiritual background for his messages on the theme, *Christianity in the 21st Century* and prove to be very timely in today's topsy-turvy culture.

As always, the entire weekend will be **centered on growing our relationship with God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior**. Between periods of worship, sharing and prayer, you'll have plenty of opportunity to catch up with longstanding friends, and make some new friends, too.

You'll also experience musical renewal with men singing popular hymns, and a toe-tapping Saturday afternoon concert by *Code Blue*, a talented group of men from southeast Virginia noted for their Blue Grass sound. You don't want to miss them! The weekend program is so extensive there just isn't enough space to get into much detail here, but that'll come later. Be sure to sign-up soon as time before the registration deadline is short! **Registration is limited to 180 this year**, so be sure to spread the word about the **UM MenMain Event** among the men in your family, church, and workplace.

We look forward to seeing you among the men from across the VA Conference. Feel free to contact me by email or phone if you have any questions about the *Spiritual Advance*. And thank you for taking time from your busy schedule to read this invitation; we look forward to seeing you at R-MC on June 9-11.

*Grace and Peace,*

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# MAY 2017 CHURCH CALENDAR

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
SUNDAY, MAY 21 <sup>st</sup> Spring Collection Day for The Laurel Center	1	2  NO Choir Practice	3 9:00am-1:00pm Pastor's Office Hours  6:30pm-VBS Volunteer Mtg. - Sanctuary  7:00pm-Trustees Meeting  7:00pm-Men Living Faith at Steve Cunningham's	4     7:00pm-Outreach Meeting	5	6          
7 8:30am-Worship 9:45am-10:00am- Children's Mini-Praise and Worship 9:45am-Sunday School 11:00am-Worship 11:00am-Childrens Church	8  6:00pm-RFL Captain's Meeting at Calvary Baptist	9 9:00am Jack Duvall Annual Golf Tournament  6:00pm-Choir 7:30pm-SONrise Singers	10 9:00am-1:00pm Pastor's Office Hours  1:30pm-BF Singers at Evergreen Nursing Home  7:00pm-Church Council	11	12	13  4:00pm-7:00pm YOUTH 50's DRIVE-IN at the RURITAN
<b>14 MOTHER'S DAY</b> 8:30am-Worship 9:45am-10:00am- Children's' Mini Praise and Worship 9:45am-Sunday School 11:00am-Worship 11:00am-Childrens Church Blood Pressure Clinic	15	16  6:00pm-Choir 7:30pm-SONrise Singers	17 9:00am-1:00pm Pastor's Office Hours    7:00pm-Men Living Faith at Steve Cunningham's	18	19	20 8:00am-UMMen meet in Social Hall
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28 8:30am-Worship 9:45am-10:00am- Children's Mini-Praise and Worship 9:45am-Sunday School 11:00am-Worship 11:00am-Childrens Church	29  	30 <b>June Newsletter articles today by 3:00pm</b>  6:00pm-Choir 7:30pm-SONrise Singers	31 9:00am-1:00pm Pastor's Office Hours	<b>FRIDAY, JUNE 2 PRINTING JUNE NEWSLETTER</b>		

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*Mother's Day*  
**SUNDAY, MAY 14**